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Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" I am asking the hon. the Minister whether the President was asked to expedite the matter, and for how long this question has been under the consideration of the Government ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" There is no question of this matter being under the consideration of the Government. The Government have asked for a report from the President, District Board It has not yet been received by the Government."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" May I ask whether this question has been under the consideration of the Government from the year 1920 ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I am not sure, Sir."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" May I know, Sir, if the Government sent a reminder to the District Board President to submit the report as early as possible which was called for in November 1927 ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The President was reminded about a fortnight ago."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" Why so late ? May I ask if the reminder was sent only in 1929 when the report was called for in November 1927 ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" That is the last reminder ; it does not mean that we did not remind him earlier."

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—" May I know whether the hon. the Minister will ask the President to expedite the matter before a certain date ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" We cannot compel Presidents, because they are non-official gentlemen."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" May I know if the Minister is at the disposal of the President and whether the hon. Minister cannot act in the manner suggested ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" There is no question of any Minister being at the disposal of any district board president whatever."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" May I know whether this President was asked to submit his report for the first time ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Notice, Sir."

Municipal Councils

Nomination of Mr. Venugopala Pillai to the Chidambaram Municipal Council.

* 1701 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether at the time of the nomination of Mr. Venugopala Pillai to the Chidambaram Municipal Council, any other names for nomination to the Municipal Council were recommended by the Chairman of the Municipality and the District Collector ;

(b) if so, how many and whose names were recommended ; and

(c) how many applied to the hon. Minister direct and what are their names ?

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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No.

(*c*). It is difficult to say how many persons applied for such nomination, as many people applied orally or in person and there is no record of their names.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know if the Chairman did not send any other names besides that of Mr. Venugopal Pillai? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" No name was submitted by anybody."

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Utilization of temple properties for technological studies.

* 1702 *Q.*—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the First Provincial Self-Respect Conference held at Chingleput communicated to Government resolutions to the effect that the income and properties of the existing temples and mutts should be utilized for the promotion of technological studies, vocational education and industrial research, that not a single pie or single pie's worth of material should be used in the cause of worship in the temple, that no priest or intermediary between the worshipper and the worshipped should be employed, and that celebrations of festivals in temples ought to be immediately put a stop to ;

(*b*) whether the Government intend to introduce an amending Bill to the Madras Religious Endowments Act on those lines ; and

(*c*) what action the Government intend to take on those resolutions ?

A.—No such resolutions have been received.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know if the hon. the Chief Minister opened the Self-Respect Conference ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I did. "

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether he is aware of this resolution being passed ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I am aware of the resolution because I read of it in the papers."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" With reference to answer (*c*), may I know whether it is not as a result of the passing of the resolution by the Self-Respect Conference, the hon. Minister has thought, *suo motu* of introducing any such amendment to the Act ? "

The hon. Dr. P SUBBARAYAN :—" Not that I am aware of."

Town-planning

Town-planning schemes started by municipalities.

* 1703 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : With reference to my question No. 848 answered on 29th November 1928, will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased (i) to place before the House a statement showing the several town-planning and improvement schemes started on the initiative of municipalities under section 8 of Town-Planning Act or under the direction of Government under section 12 of the same Act and (ii) to state—

(*a*) in what manner owners have been consulted under section 11 in the case of municipal schemes under section 8; and